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ON 06/01/05 AT APPROXIMATELY 1338 HOURS THE STATE POLICE TROOP K BARRACKS RECEIVED A 911 EMERGENCY CALL REPORTING A PLANE CRASH INTO THE MOODUS UPPER RESERVOIR. EAST HADDAM RESIDENT TROOPERS MICHAEL HASSETT AND DAVID LUKE WERE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE WITH THE EAST HADDAM VOLUNTEER FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT. UPON ARRIVING AT THE SCENE THE PLANE WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE CRASHED IN THE WATER. A CIVILIAN WITNESS, IDENTIFIED AS WILLIAM SUHIE, OF 72 SHORE ROAD EAST HADDAM, RETRIEVED THE OPERATOR OF THE PLANE WITH HIS PERSONAL BOAT AND BROUGHT HIM TO SAFETY ON THE SHORE. THE PLANE WAS LATER TOWED TO SHORE. THE PLANE WAS A SMALL SEAREY AERODYNE KIT TYPE WITH A 4 CYLINDER ROTAX MOTOR. THE OPERATOR OF THE PLANE, IDENTIFIED AS JAMES MATYAS, DOB 02/16/38, OF 105 ELM ST # 437 OLD SAYBROOK, CT, WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MARLBOROUGH CLINIC AND TREATED/RELEASED FOR MINOR INJURIES. THE FAA IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE ACCIDENT TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE.

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